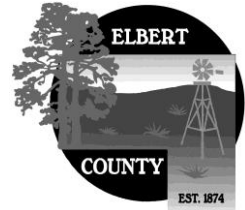




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MINUTES ELBERT COUNTY REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING September 25, 2014

Note: These meeting minutes are only a summary of the meeting. Duplications of the audio recording are available, for a fee, by contacting Community & Development Services.

The regular Planning Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman, Tom Beshore.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Commission members present: Tom Beshore, Ron Turner, Rick Brown, Tony Baker and Bob Ware.

Staff present: Curtis Carlson, Senior Planner; Carolyn Parkinson, Planner – Flood Plain Manager; Kyle Fenner, Director of CDS; Faith Mehrer, Office Manager

STAFF REPORT ON BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ACTION(S):

A. The BOCC approved 1 well for Agave Oil and Gas.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Meeting Minutes from September 11th.

- a. Rick Brown made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from September 11th. Tony Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

COMMUNITY INPUT:

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. SU14-0006 Direct Link / Mcaskill Tower:

- a. **Curtis Carlson presented a proposal for a wireless internet tower located in a portion of section 26, township 9 south, range 63 west in Elbert County. There is currently a private internet tower that the applicant would like to change to a commercial tower facility. The associated equipment shelter will remain the same. The change will consist of adding a new tower with an increased height from 75' to 189' to better serve Elbert County residences with high speed internet services. The nearest property lines are a minimum of 450' from the tower. The location of the tower will provide visual buffering to adjoining parcels. 12 referral agencies were contacted to comment on the project; all 12 agencies had no comment or no objections to the tower.**
- b. **Members of the Planning Commission inquired about the potential visual and vegetation impacts. Jim Carey, the applicant stated that the natural disturbance to vegetation would be in within the 6x6 fenced area for the equipment shelter and fencing around the guide wires that are in place in order to protect grazing cattle. The tower will be painted red and white for low flying aircraft but it is not an eyesore.**
- c. **Rick Brown made the following motion: "I move that, in light of the facts that (1) the information in the record tonight establishes that the tower covered by application number SU 14-0006 will provide wireless telecommunications service within a network of interconnected sites and (2) the record also establishes that general approval standards set forth in subsection 10 (c) of Part II, section 17. A of the Elbert County Zoning Regulations have been met by the application, the Planning Commission recommend approval of application SU 14-0006 subject to the conditions in the CDS staff report dated September 25, 2014." Bob Ware seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- A. Don Bunce, a neighbor in the area, asked if the tower would be bigger in diameter.
- B. Jack Mcaskill stated that the tower will be in the middle of a cattle pasture and over one mile from Rd 102 and Maul Road. To see it while driving, you will have to look for it.
- C. Debbi Jackson stated that she is in favor of the tower.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM